Riot Is Quelled After Berkeley Protest Rally

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A policeman was shot during mass rioting in downtown Berkeley, Calif., early yesterday as feelings continued to run high throughout the Nation in the wake of harsh police tactics and provocations by young radicals during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Police scattered a Berkeley crowd of more than 1000 with tear and "pepper" gas sprayed through squad car exhaust pipes. Some two dozen demonstrators were arrested—several suspected of firing a shot that wounded a policeman in the thigh, the rest on charges of hurling rocks, broken glass and other debris at officers.

The rioting followed a two-hour rally to protest the arrest of young people during the Chicago disturbances. The rally was held with the City's permission and was nonviolent.

Meanwhile, further deep divisions over the Chicago blood-letting rent the Democratic Party.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.) called it "a political atrocity without parallel in American history" and said the tactics of Chicago police were "similar in action to Hitler's storm troopers."

Returning from the convention, Vermont Gov. Philip H. Hoff fired off an angry wire to Democratic Mayor Richard J Daley.

"We do not believe the people of Chicago or this country will long endure the police state you imposed on freedom-loving Americans, who came to your City to demonstrate the democratic process," he said.

He said the Vermont delegation is "pleased to be liberated from your streets, as well as from our amphitheater."

But Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D-Ill.) called for a crackdown on the young radicals.

He said he had sent a letter to Attorney General Ramsey Clark asking "stiff Federal jail sentences against those who crossed state lines to instigate this week's rioting in Chicago."

The rioting, Pucinski said, presents an "excellent opportunity" to prosecute the first case under the recently enacted Federal law prohibiting the crossing of state lines to incite a riot.

Pucinski assailed three young men as instigators of the Chicago turbulence: Tom Hayden, a founder of Students for a Democratic Society; David Dellinger, leader of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, and Jerry Rubin, who heads the Youth International Party ("Yippies").

"Hayden and Dellinger spelled out their intent to incite riots in Chicago during a press conference in New York City last June 29 when they unveiled a blueprint for disrupting the Democratic Convention," he said.

Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.), co-chairman of Vice President Humphrey's successful drive for the Democratic presidential nomination, took a middle position.

"Both sides are at fault," he said. Mondale added he doesn't think Mayor Daley was responsible for the violence but "there is no question that same police reacted with brutality."

In New York, a poll taken by a market research firm Thursday showed 71 per cent of 1194 adults surveyed felt security measures taken in Chicago were justified.

Sindlinger & Co. said 62 per cent thought Mayor Daley was doing a good job and only 21 per cent felt his police force had used excessive violence. Slightly more than 48 per cent agreed with the proposition that the demonstrations were "organized to disrupt the convention and create riot conditions in Chicago."

As for the numerous newsmen attacked by police, Rep. William E. Brock 3d (R-Tenn.) said newsmen "would be little more honest" in reporting rioting "if many more of them got beaten up."

In New York, police disclosed that Minna Gross, 22, a Columbia University student, was found dead in her dormitory room Friday night with an empty pill bottle nearby and a note indicating she was despondent over the defeat of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy.